Advisory Group Meeting

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Date: June 29, 2004

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm **Place:** Conference Call

Attending: Patrice Thomsen, Jenny Moe, Cyndi Treaster, Doris Tompkins, and Sandra Holguin

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions	Follow-up Required
I. Welcome Remarks			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi Treaster welcomed all that was in attendance on the conference call.	None	None
II. KSFHP Update			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi told us that KSFHP has partnered with the Western Conference Mennonite USA, they are the ones who handle the fiscal part of the grant for the health promoters. KSFHP submitted a grant application to Kansas Health Foundation for \$25,000.00 for the use of continuing with the Health Promoters and also for making the tapes. KSFHP also submitted a grant application to Sunflower however it was not awarded to KSFHP and there has been no word on the expansion grant at this time. KSFHP partnered with Educational Resource Center in Sublette and they are going to help record the tapes/CD's pay for some of the CDs. They also want to create videos with the health information to put on their access television channels. As a result of two tractor accidents involving children there is a new transcript being developed on agriculture safety. One component of the tape will be on chemical/pesticide safety and the other on farm safety for kids. Agribility is working on that transcript for KSFHP. The plans are to record the tapes/CDse in August or September.	None	None

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III. Low German Health Fair Sublette			
Cyndi Treaster	KSFHP is also going to have a Health Fair on August 28 th in Sublette. The target population is Low German. Included in the Health Fair will be oral health, immunizations, Low German AA, breast and cervical cancer, diabetes and immigration and others. There will be several people there to interpret.	None	None
IV. Review of Health and Business Plan			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi went over the Health plan.	None	None
Dorris Tompkins	What is UDS?	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	UDS is the federal report that KSFHP turns into the Dept. of Health and Human Services annually.	None	None
	Goal/Objective A		
Jenny Moe	How are you finding the pregnant women?	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Uninsured women show up at the Health Department and from word of mouth.	None	None
Dorris Tompkins	Dorris wondered if Cyndi knew why a large percentage of Hispanic women were not getting prenatal care in their first trimester.	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi explained that she thought it was due to how mobile the Hispanic families are and that most are not eligible for Medicaid.	Add info. to Health Plan.	None
	Cyndi will add to the key action steps for Goal/Objective A.3. that the Case Managers will provider information to providers and advocates on how to facilitate questions and access as many of the local SRS Offices close.		
Patrice Thomsen	Patrice asked if it was possible that the low amount of Hispanics that are receiving prenatal care until late in the pregnancy could be cultural, especially with subsequent births.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi was not sure if that was the case for Hispanics but said it was true with the Low Germans. This is shown by a research project in Canada that was done on their Low German population, which concluded that, the longer the women were in Canada the more likely they were to receive early prenatal care.	None	None
Dorris Tompkins	Healthy Start asks prenatal questions and does a home visit before and after the birth of the baby and also makes sure that the baby is gaining weight.	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi will document in the plan the challenges in prenatal care, Medicaid, and how to deal with some of the changes SRS is making.	None	None
	Goal/Objective B		
Cyndi Treaster	In B2 Cyndi will include the tapes as there is a bit on well child checks. One problem that KSFHP faces is that a number of Low German children need surgeries for Strabismus and also for genital issues, especially undescended testicles. KSFHP has called on Kansas Cripple Children to request them to pay for these surgeries and KSFHP staff are worried that it maybe stressing their funds.	Add info. to Health Plan.	None
Jenny Moe	Are these conditions hereditary?	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi said yes they are, they tend to marry within their group and it is clear from the numbers that some of the health issues they have are genetic. Cyndi feels challenged on how to communicate this to the Low German population without offending them.	None	None
	Cyndi is going serve on the two-day Special Health Services Strategic Planning group; she suspects that they want to move away from direct services and will be sharing her concern that new gaps in care might be created with this movement.		
Patrice Thomsen	Patrice suggested for consistency we change B4 baseline information in the goal/objective, which is stated as a percentage. The baseline and the progress/objective are not.	Update Health Plan info.	None
	Goal/Objective C		
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi felt as though this was the area of low progress for KSFHP. The Americorps worker did case management rather than health education work on asthma. The grant that was written in KDHE that would have collaborated with KSFHP was not awarded and consequently no progress in this area was made. On C3 KSFHP gathered the names of clients in the database who had selected diagnoses of diabetes over the past three years. A KU graduate students has been calling these patients and completing an interview about their condition and care. Approximately 90 patients were gather in the database and only 45 could still be reached at the contact information we had for them. The data collected from the survey will be entered into DIMS.	Add info. to Health Plan.	None

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	Goal/Objective D			
Cyndi Treaster	On D.2.a. the amount paid for dental is down to \$300 a year from \$350. On D.3.b Cyndi will add the transcript tapes.	Update Health Plan.	None	
	Goal/Objective E			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi will add farm safety and state that the health surveys have been completed.	Add to Health Plan	None	
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Cyndi Treaster	Access points are doing a good job of providing interpreters. Many of them have hired bilingual staff. The new agreements for KSFHP Providers have been sent out, signed and returned. Will add the health promoters training and ongoing supervision to F.4. F.5.	None	None	
	Business Plan	•		
Cyndi Treaster	Add Health Promoters to A.3.b, add health fair and MCH planning to B.3.a. Cyndi will also look for other grants or funding sources to provide for the surgeries. If anyone thinks of any other changes or feedback please send an e-mail. Cyndi will also send out the grant narrative for comments and review.	Add to Health Plan.	Send out grant narrative and health fair flyer.	